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On 4/27, PolCouns conveyed to Julio Peralta, the MFA's Office Director for International Organizations, U.S. concerns about Iran's candidacy for the Human Rights Council calling attention to its abhorrent record on human rights and its refusal to cooperate with the IAEA and the international community in addressing concerns about its nuclear program. Peralta assured us that the GOP shared our concerns and had decided it would not/not support Iran's candidacy. CASON